

About Plays and Players

By BIDE DUDLEY

THE Casino Theatre, not the Century, is to have "The Maid of the Mountains," the forthcoming Elliott, Comstock & Gest musical comedy production. At the first rehearsal yesterday it was discovered that, to stage the show on the scale of the London production, it would be necessary to make changes in the physical construction of the Century that would cost \$40,000. It would call for the removal of the revolving stage and also of steel girders. Elliott, Comstock & Gest got in touch with the Messrs Shubert and, after a brief consultation, arranged to open the big production at the Casino. It will be shown there first in about four weeks. In the meantime the Casino will be entirely renovated.

Just what attraction will open the Century's season had not been decided upon last night. It is likely that one will be arranged for soon as Elliott, Comstock & Gest intend to have the big house open Labor Day. During the week of Aug. 19 "Yip, Yip, Yip," the Camp Upton show, will be the Century's attraction.

BY WAY OF DIVERSION.
I thought I'd buy a little car—a used one that was cheap. I found one that just filled the bill. The price was not too steep. And so I took it home with me, quite pleased with what I'd done. In just three months my wife said: "Dear, we need a bigger one." I saw the auto man next day and went in to look at it. A larger car I soon picked out and home I went with it. We drove it for six months or so and in the early fall my wife and I made up our minds that it was far too small. Again I changed. I bought a car that cost three thousand dollars. It wasn't long until we grew dissatisfied with that. A super-six was next corralled. It knocked my tiny roll, and soon I found my dough all gone and I was in the hole. I hate to tell the rest of it. It pains me very much. We bought three more and every time, my credit got in Dutch. I sold the cow, I sold the home, and then divorced my wife. I'm now an outcast but, by gum, I'm off of cars for life.

"MAYTIME" MOVES AGAIN.
"Maytime" moved to its fourth New York theatre last night when it was given at the Lyric. Since this musical piece was produced in New York on Aug. 17 of last year, it has been played in the Shubert, the 44th Street, the Broadhurst and the Lyric. It looks as though it will remain in New York until the holidays.

AS MR. SIMON'S GUESTS.
The George M. Cohan Theatre was filled last night with employees and friends of Franklin Simon & Co. They were there to see the new Government film "America's Answer," as the guests of Franklin Simon, who bought the entire seating capacity of the house. It was a happy crowd and everybody had a fine time.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT TRAVELS.
William Elliott has gone to Chicago on the first leg of a tour of inspection of the various theatrical enterprises of Elliott, Comstock & Gest. Before he returns to New York he will have traveled 3,000 miles. "Oh, Look," which this firm now controls, will open at the La Salle Theatre, Chicago, to-morrow night, and Mr. Elliott will be there to see that all goes well.

GOSSIP.
George Broadhurst produced "She Walked in Her Sleep," a comedy by Mark Swan, in Long Branch last night.

The Six Brown Brothers, after a week's vacation in Atlantic City, are back on the New Amsterdam floor. Eugene Keiley, Allen, dramatic critic and Broadwayite, has returned from an auto trip. He says the old town looks just the same.

Private Jack Kelly's show at Camp Upton Sunday drew a gross of \$2,136.50. The money will go to funds to provide comforts for the soldiers. Will Rogers has gone into the movies and is getting rich hand over fist. He is appearing in a film called "Laughing Bill Hyde," conjured up by Rex Beach.

The two Daves—Posner and Altman—are to have charge of the Southern "Business Before Pleasure" company for A. H. Woods. If necessary they can play the Abe and Mawruss roles.

Gertrude Dallas, a dramatic leading woman, has been engaged by Henry W. Savage to support Mitzel in "Head Over Heels," the same being a musical show.

The United States Government Division of Films will shortly issue, through the General Film Company, some shipbuilding pictures entitled "Our Bridge of Ships."

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.
Isn't it possible they'll need Dr. Davis in Germany some of these days to identify the remains?

FOOLISHMENT.
A girl who was seen in the park. Was asked by a fellow student, "What are you doing here?" "I don't know," she said. "I just came out here to get some air."

FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE.
Mrs. Wiggins (to grocer)—What have you in the shape of bananas? Grocer—Got some nice cucumbers.

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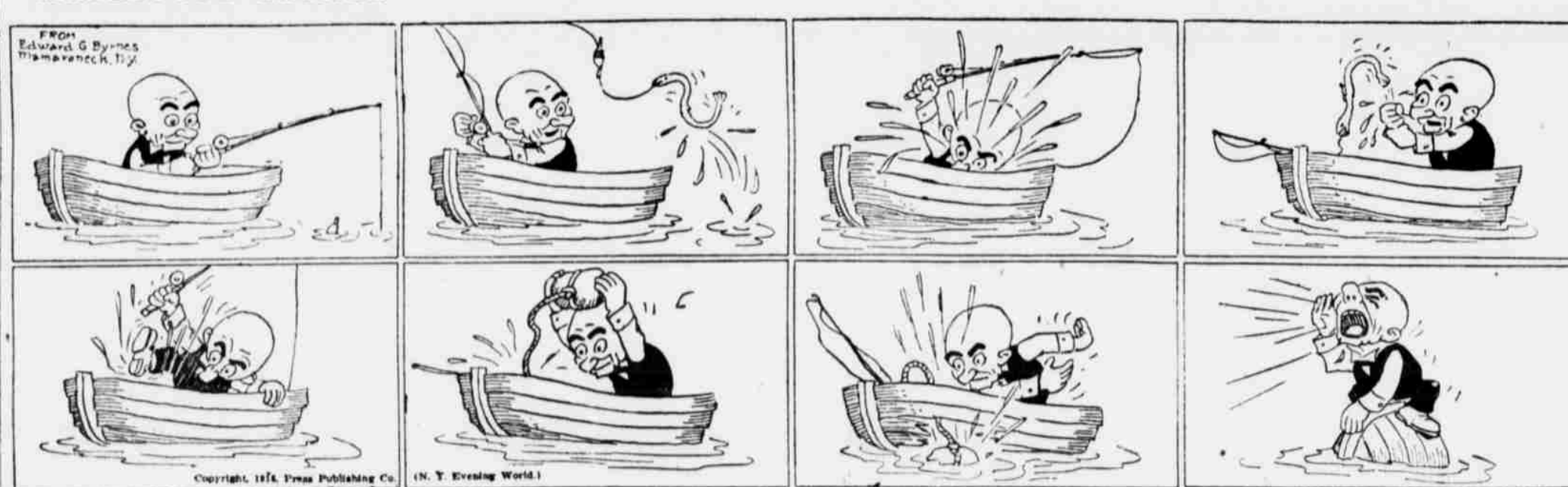
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Some of the Day's Good Stories

WHAT THE TEACHER SENT.

LITTLE Mary started to school on her second year last Monday. When she came home her mother asked: "Well, Mary, what did the teacher say to you after the long summer vacation?" "She said, 'Hello, Mary,'" the child replied. "And what else?" asked the mother. "She said, 'When you go home, please tell your mamma that I sent her my regards,'" was Mary's meek reply. - Indianapolis Star.

A SIDE SHOW MAN.

SOME time ago a fire occurred in a house in Baltimore, and as the staircase was in flames before the blaze was discovered the occupants had to seek some other means of escape. Next day the companion to an elderly lady was running to her the newspaper report of the fire, which stated that one servant escaped down a waterpipe at the back of the house. Whereupon the lady, astounded at this statement, exclaimed, "But how thin the poor man must have been!" - Harpers.

STILL IN SERVITUDE.

NORTHERN man travelling through Alabama was much interested in Uncle Ned. "So you were once a slave, eh?" said the man. "Yes, sah," said Uncle Ned. "How thrilling!" said the gentleman. "And after the war you got your freedom, eh?" "No, sah," said Ned, gloomily. "I didn't get mah freedom, sah. After the war I done got married." - Ladies Home Journal.

A LUCKY DISCOVERY.

TWO women of the parvenu class were discussing the future of their respective sons, when one of them said: "Do you know, I believe that a boy's development depends largely upon his environment?" "I know it," replied the other, as she carefully toyed with her jewel box. "There was my cousin William's boy—he never knew what it was to have a well day till the doctor found out that the trouble was with his environment and cut it out!" - Harpers.

THE SAME THING.

IRVIN S. COBB recently wasted several thousand dollars drilling for water on his Westchester farm at \$3 a foot. One day during the drought Mr. Cobb was motoring home with four huge casks of water, when a stranger hailed him: "Where did you get that water, brother?" "Four miles down the road," Cobb replied. "Why the dickens don't you dig a well?" "Because, friend," said Cobb, sadly, "it's just as far one way as the other." - Washington Star.

ECONOMY.

MOTHER had settled down to read the evening paper in the living room. Little daughter innocently was in bed and asleep.

But a wee voice from the second floor called down:

"Mother, come to the stairs. I want to ask you something."
"Yes, dearie; what is it?"
"Do robber and burglar mean the same thing?"
"Not exactly, dear. But why do you ask?"
"Well, mother, I'm saying my prayers and I don't want to bother with both words if it isn't necessary." - Indianapolis News.

MEDICAL WISDOM.

OLD DOCTOR—Now, when your patient asks you for a tonic, what are you going to do about it?
Young Doctor—Find what she really needs and prescribe it.
Old Doctor—Wrong! No success in that method. Whenever your patient has diagnosed her own case and tells you she needs a tonic, you prescribe a tonic every time.
Young Doctor—Why?
Old Doctor—Don't you guess why? Because she will then have to see that you know almost, if not quite, as much about medicine as she does!

SOUND FATHERLY ADVICE.

A NEW YORK lawyer tells of a conversation that occurred in his presence between a bank President and his son who was about to leave for the West, there to engage in business on his own account. "Son," said the father, "on this, the threshold of your business life, I desire to impress one thought upon your mind. Honestly, ever and always, is the policy that is best."
"Yes, father," said the young man.
"And, by the way," added the gray beard, "I would urge you to read up a little on corporation law. It will amaze you to discover how many things you can do in a business way and still be honest." - Harpers.

TAKING FIDO OUT.

DAVID BELASCO was smiling at the extravagant attentions that are lavished by the rich upon pet dogs. He spoke of the canine operations for appendicitis, canine tooth crownings, the canine wardrobe, and then said: "How servants hate these pampered curs! At a house where I was tail-

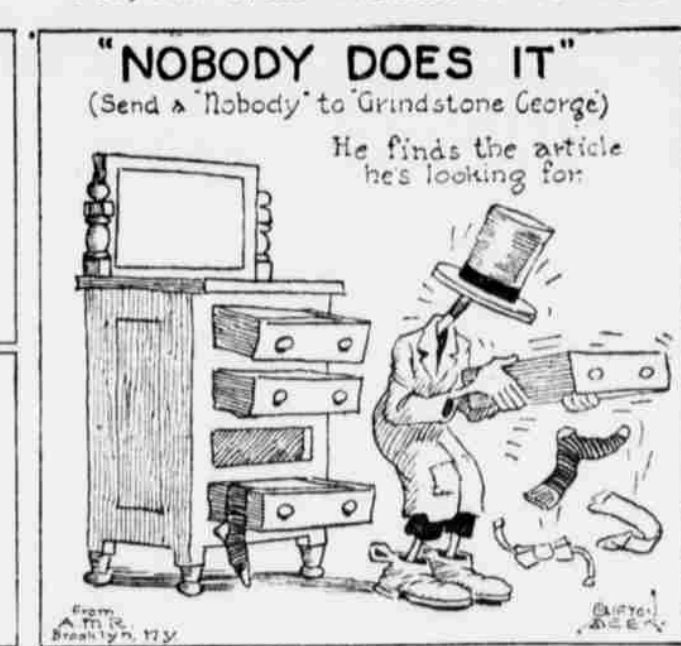
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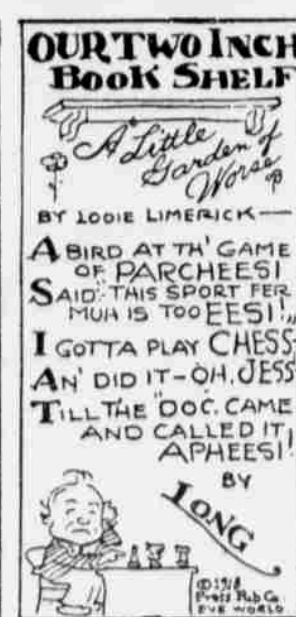
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Yes, but What Became of the Eel?



Parlor Games!



TAKING NO CHANCES.

"HENRY," she began, in a sweet, timorous voice, "what's all this talk about gold and silver?"
Henry, who reads the papers and was about as thoroughly ignorant on the subject as everybody else, plunged in bravely, but she stopped him.
"I don't want to know that," she faltered, "but is gold getting so awful scarce?"
"Awful scarce!" echoed Henry dimly.
"And is it all being taken away to pay for the war?"
"It is," said Henry.
"And if they continue to take it away there won't be any left in this country by and by and we'll have to use silver?"
"Yes," sighed Henry.
"Henry," she whispered, "I told you I would give you my decision in the summer—but I repent. It—it is 'Yes.' Henry, don't—don't you think," she continued after a moment's silence, "that it would be well to get the ring now, before all the gold is taken away?" - London Answers.

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